

PRT-812344

Applicant: Mr. Wendell Pennington, Pennington and Associates, Inc., Cookeville, Tennessee.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, relocate from a construction site, and release) the endangered Nashville crayfish, *Orconectes shoupi*, in Davidson County, Tennessee, for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

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Applicant: Mr. Billy J. Grantham, Troy State University, Troy, Alabama.

The applicant requests a permit to take (salvage remains) federally listed threatened and endangered species from throughout the southeast for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

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Applicant: Dr. Ronald L. Mumme, Aiken, South Carolina.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and translocate) the threatened Florida scrub jay, *Aphelocoma coerulescens coerulescens*, in Highlands and Collier Counties, Florida for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

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Applicant: Dr. R. Wayne Tyndall, Maryland Natural Heritage Program, Annapolis, Maryland.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect leaves for isozyme analyses) the threatened seabeach amaranth, *Amaranthus pumilus*, throughout the species range in the southeast for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species.

Written data or comments on these applications should be submitted to: Regional Permit Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. All data and comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: March 18, 1996.
Noreen K. Clough,
Regional Director.
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Availability of Draft Recovery Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of a revised draft recovery plan for the wood stork. Wood storks occur in Florida, Georgia and coastal South Carolina. The Service solicits review and comments from the public on this draft plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before May 24, 1996 to ensure consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Copies can be obtained by contacting the Acting Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6620 Southpoint Drive, South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, Florida 32216 or calling (904) 232-2580. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda D. Finger at above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service prepares recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for reclassifying them from endangered to threatened status or removing them for the list, and estimate the time and cost for implementing the needed recovery measures.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. *et seq.*) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and

comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

Wood storks are large, white, long-legged wading birds that use a variety of freshwater and estuarine wetlands for nesting feeding and roosting. They are found throughout Florida, Georgia and coastal South Carolina. The Service listed the wood stork as an endangered species on February 28, 1984. Wood storks were listed as endangered because of loss of feeding habitat, human disturbance and man-made changes in water levels that affected the natural drainage patterns of Florida. Since the 1960's, the wood stork population has shown substantial declines in southern Florida, and substantial increases in northern Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Over the last 12 years, the U.S. population has ranged between 5,500 and 6,500 pairs.

The Service completed the recovery plan for this species in 1986 to identify actions necessary to recover the population. Since that time, many tasks identified in the original plan have been accomplished and more information is now available on the biology and distribution of storks throughout the southeast. This revised recovery plan updates the original information as well as addresses new threats and needs.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the Recovery plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: March 11, 1996.
Michael M. Bentzien,
Acting Field Supervisor.
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Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue